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GUIDELINES FOR HUD PARTICIPANTS

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1. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES FOR US PARTICIPANTS
(MICHEL, MORRIS, WINZER) AT OECD URBAN ENVIRONMENT SECTOR GROUP
MEETING, NOVEMBER 25-27, SUPPLEMENT BRIEFING DISCUSSIONS HELD
AT HUD NOVEMBER 18. SUGGEST MISSION MAKE AVAILABLE COPY TO
REFERENCE (A), WHICH HAD NOT BEEN AVAILABLE AT HUD PRIOR TO
MICHEL'S DEPARTURE, CALLING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL
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POLICY DECLARATION'S ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH ON URBAN ENVIRONMENT AND

PROBLEMS OF CITIES.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA (ITEM I) POSES NO PROBLEMS NOR DOES SUMMARY RECORD OF 6TH SESSION (ITEM 2).

3. WITH REGARD TO ITEM 4 (PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE ON TRAFFIC LIMITATIONS) ASSUME MISSION WILL PROVIDE TIMELY BRIEFING BASED ON ATTENDANCE OF NEILS DETERRA OF DOT AT PREPARATORY MEETING NOVEMBER 21. HUD PARTICIPANTS MAY WISH SEEK CLARIFY WHETHER SUBJECT CONFERENCE COULD POSSIBLY CONTRIBUTE TO, OR IN ANY WAY REQUIRE COORDINATION WITH PREPARATIONS FOR 1976 ECE US-HOSTED SEMINAR ON IMPACT OF URBAN TRANSPORTATION ON HUMAN SETTLEMENTS.

4. RE ITEM 5 (VANCOUVER CONFERENCE) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SECTOR GROUP GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO SUBMITTING PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BEEN COMPLETED OR ARE NEAR COMPLETION IN VIEW OF COST AND TIME CONSTRAINTS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THAT CONFERENCE. (FOR EXAMPLE, PROJECTS ON NOISE CONTROL POLICIES (U/ENV/74.2 AND U/ENV/74.10) AND ON VEHICLE FREE ZONES). ALSO PROJECT ON LOW COST IMPROVEMENTS OF URBAN ENVIRONMENT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS IT APPEARS TO BE SUITABLE FOR DRAMATIC AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION.

5. AGENDA ITEM 6(I): NEW PHRASING OF CONCERNS 2.7 AND 3.4 OF PARAGRAPH 4 OF PROGRESS REPORT ON URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS MAY BE APPROVED, AS MAY WORKING GROUP'S DECISION, NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 5, TO BASEK MEASUREMENT PHASE ON EXISTING DATA. HOWEVER, PHRASING OF PARAGRAPH 5 IS UNCLEAR AND MIGHT BE IMPROVED IF PARENTHEetical EXPLANATION WERE ADDED AFTER "READABILITY" AND IF "EFFECTIVE" (LINE 9) WERE CHANGED TO "FUTURE." WITH REGARD TO RESPONSIBILITY FOR MEASUREMENT WORK IN TOWNS (PARAGRAPH 13 OF PROGRESS REPORT), US PARTICIPANTS MAY SUGGEST THAT TOWNS SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MEASUREMENT ACTIVITIES AND THAT NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD MERELY MONITOR THEIR WORK. RE ITEM 6(II) MAY APPROVE FIRST LIST OF URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS WITH PROVISIO THAT THE LIST IS FOR TESTING PURPOSES.

6. CONCUR WITH CONCLUSIONS IN "POLICIES FOR NOISE CONTROL" (ITEM 7(II) REGARDING THE NEED FOR FURTHER STUDY OF COMPENSATION UNCLASSIFIED

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POLICIES AND THE BETTER APPLICATION OF LAND USE AND SITE PLANNING METHODS, NOISE ATTENUATION DEVICES, FOR EXAMPLE, BARRIERS AND SOUND INSULATION IN BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, AS PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST NOISE POLLUTION.

7. WITH REGARD TO ITEM 8(II) US PARTICIPANTS MAY CAUTION THAT PROPOSED "DETAILED PLAN OF ACTION" FOR THE PROJECT ON "LOW-COST-IMPROVEMENTS OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT" SEEMS LIKELY TO RESULT

IN A SECOND PROJECT ON URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS. THE
REFERENCE TO THE US MODEL CITIES SHOULD BE DELETED AS THESE
DID NOT IN FACT TURN OUT TO BE LOW-COST.

8. US PARTICIPANTS MAY WISH EXPLORE INFORMALLY THE STATUS OF THE
EARLIER PROPOSED PROJECT ON "LAND-USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"
FOR POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION FOR INCLUSION IN DISCUSSION OF SECTOR
GROUP'S FUTURE PROGRAM OF WORK (ITEM 9). INGERSOLL

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